

SI.No.	Units	Cost per million BTU based on 1.10.1999 Prices (Rs.)
Public Sector		
1.	GSFC	135
2.	HFC	28
3.	IFFCO-Aonla	121
4.	IFFCO-Aonla Exp	121
5.	JFFCO-KALOL	94
6.	KRIBHCO	94
7.	NFL-Vijaypur	121
8.	NFL-Vijapur Exp	121
9.	RCF-Thal	91
10.	RCF-TR-V	91

**Complaints regarding less Weight of LPG Cylinders**

† 3032. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that often there are complaints from different parts of the country regarding less weight of L.P.G. cylinders or having water in them;
- (b) if so, whether Government are taking concrete and effective steps to check them; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) The LPG distributors are under instructions to check the correct weight of cylinders before they are delivered to the customers. Oil company officers also carry out random checks/inspections of the distributors and suitable action against the distributors indulging in malpractice of supply of under weight cylinders are taken as per the distributorship agreement/ LPG Control Order.

**Guidelines for Survival of Stand-Alone Refineries**

3033. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

- (a) whether any new policy guidelines are proposed to allow Stand-Alone Refineries to survive the depressed state of the refinery sector.
- (b) whether it is a fact that adequate supports are not forthcoming from Government to allow such Stand-Alone Refineries to continue their work;
- (c) to what extent would foreign companies benefit if Indian companies close their operations;
- (d) what steps are proposed to ensure that Indian owned refineries in any sector are not unduly penalised by delay in Government coming up with adequate policies to safeguard national interest; and
- (e) the details of the steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (e) The Government has been encouraging setting up of new refineries, including stand-alone refineries, to bridge the gap between the supply and demand of petroleum products. The refining sector has been delicensed in June, 1998 to encourage investments in this sector.

Keeping in view the deregulated scenario which is approaching, stand-alone refineries would need strategic alliances with Oil Marketing Companies for marketing their products. The Government have initiated steps in this direction.

#### **Delay in release of Gas Connections to States**

3034. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) to what extent Government have delayed release of adequate gas connections to States where there is demand and marketing infrastructure;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Petroleum has adequate infrastructure to give over the counter gas connections in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the reasons for not allowing such marketing of LPG in backward and tribal areas;
- (d) what steps are proposed to allow the lead LPG company in Andhra Pradesh to continue its work; and
- (e) the reasons for this delay;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (e) New LPG connections